

REMARKS

Claims 2, 11 and 25 have been amended. Claims 1, 8-10, 17-24, 31 and 32 have been cancelled. Thus, claims 2-7, 11-16 and 25-30 are pending in the application. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested based on the following remarks.

Applicants hereby petition for a one-month extension of time to respond to the aforementioned Restriction Requirement. Enclosed is check no. 27369 in the amount of \$120.00 to cover the one-month extension of time. Applicants believe that no other fees are due in connection with the filing of this response. If any fees are due in connection with the filing this Response to Restriction Requirement, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fees to Deposit Account 500388 (Order No. APL1P289).

Applicants believe that all pending claims are allowable and respectfully request a Notice of Allowance for this application from the Examiner. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the undersigned can be reached at the telephone number set out below.

Respectfully submitted,

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Hoellwarth", with a stylized initial "Q" or "H" at the beginning.

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